

makes traditions after a time of more danger than service to historical research. There is, however, one tradition which bears so closely upon his personality, and comes to us in a form so nearly that of a contemporary document, as to be worth record here. It is a copy of part of a letter furnished by Mr. James Vroom of St. Stephen, written in 1835 by Patrick Clinch, son of the Loyalist Captain Clinch, of St. George, and here follows :

"These (the Loyalists) were the men to whose patriotism, knowledge and integrity, displayed as well in private life as in the councils of the Government, to which they were judiciously called, more of the present prosperity of New Brunswick may be traced than to any other cause whatever, if we except that most fortunate circumstance of its being blessed by a patriotic Governor in the person of General Carleton.

One instance of the sagacity and foresight displayed by the Executive at the time was in establishing the seat of Government at Fredericton instead of St. John (which had been strongly urged), a measure peculiarly calculated to advance the settlement of the upper country, but which drew down on the Governor the execrations of the St. John people, who pursued him with a hatred scarcely ending with his death. A favorite sentiment at that time with some used to be, "D—— the Irish Governor and his Yankee Council."* The violent opposition he met with in administering the Government was the cause of his recall, and when his death was announced in the St. John newspapers, the only ones then existing in the Province, it was done in the most laconic manner possible, without mentioning the circumstances of his being (as he was at the time of his death) Governor of the Province. It was couched in the following terms:—"Died in England, Lieut. General Carleton," and nothing more, though he deserved an eulogium, if ever man did."

In this letter there is a note of partizanship for which allowance must be made ; the fact to which Mr. Raymond calls my attention, that the people of St. John presented to Governor Carleton, on his departure for England, a highly eulogistic address shows that his unpopularity in St. John must be here somewhat exaggerated, but on the whole the letter gives us an agreeable glimpse of the feelings of at least a part of the

*In this hostility to the Yankee Council thus expressed we hear the first rumblings of a storm which burst early in this century, and was not stilled until full responsible government had been won, which came about, to the great honor of the people of New Brunswick be it said, through purely constitutional agitation, without even the threat of force.